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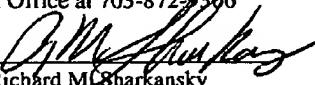
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Sir:

Please be advised that patent application Serial No. 09/680,156 filed October 5, 2000, and U. S. Patent No. 6,061,274, inventors Thibault et al, issued May 9, 2000 were, at the time the invention of application Serial No. 09/680,156 was made, owned by EMC Corporation.

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While Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's position as set forth in the Office Action mailed August 20, 2004, U. S. Patent No. 6,061,274 is not a reference under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. 103 (e).

See also MPEP section 706.02(1)(2).

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